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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

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1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for November 11-12, 2002. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICS, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS  
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12. PRO-OCALAN PROTESTS

(Evrensel) A group of 50 youths gathered and lit fires in Adana's Karasu quarter to protest a decision barring PKK leader Abdullah Ocalan from meeting with his attorneys. The group shouted pro-Ocalan slogans and dispersed when police arrived. Denial of permission for Ocalan to meet with his attorneys was also protested in Mersin, Batman and Van. Protestors claimed Ocalan was being isolated and demanded the isolation be lifted.

ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS  
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13. NEW FOUR-STAR HOTEL IN GAZIANTEP

(Dunya) Gaziantep's second four-star hotel, Ravanda, has gone into service following an inauguration ceremony attended by Tourism Minister Mustafa Tasar and Gaziantep Mayor Celal Dogan. Ravanda has a total of 86 rooms, including five suites, as well as a sauna, swimming pool, Turkish bath, and a game center for children and conference halls.

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